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Fitzgerald Announces \$14.3 Million HUD Grant to Combat Homelessness

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$14.3 million Continuum of Care grant to the County's Department of Human Services to assist in its efforts to reduce homelessness.

"We are extremely grateful for the continued support that Allegheny County has received in our efforts to reduce homelessness," said County Executive Fitzgerald. "This funding will allow us to provide continued funding for 71 different projects that will help those who are facing complex housing issues."

The grant is awarded through a competitive process and includes the renewal of HUD funds to support a continuum of housing and service programs for the homeless of Allegheny County. Specific programs include supportive services, safe havens, transitional housing, and permanent housing for persons with disabilities.

The projects funded by the grant represent 30 different agencies that provide housing and vital services to homeless individuals and families throughout Allegheny County. DHS will administer the grant funds to the agencies, provide fiscal and operational oversight, and monitor service provision through regular site visits.

"We are especially pleased because this funding includes an increase in all of our permanent housing programs," said DHS Director Marc Cherna. "It's an acknowledgement of the great work of our agencies, and allows us to continue to grow our system of care while assisting more families and individuals."

This Continuum of Care grant is the first part of a multi-tier grant awarded nationally by the Department of Housing & Urban Development. Additional funds will be considered and awarded in the near future.

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